MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 25. Three of these have passed the Registration Test, Higher.

(*b*) A statement* containing the particulars is laid on the table.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

Work done by Mr. Marini.

186. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what work Mr. Marini is deputed to do; and

(*b*) the nature of the work turned out by him during the period of his service here?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. Marini serves the State in two capacities, one as Advisor to Government on railway matters and the other as State Railway Engineer. In the former capacity, he advises the Government on all questions relating to railway administration and policy, especially in all transactions and negotiations between the Travancore Government and the South Indian Railway Company and the Government of India. In his latter capacity, he has to carry out all the railway surveys in the State that are sanctioned from time to time and to prepare the project plans and estimates and also to direct the construction of all railway extensions which is directly undertaken by the State.

(*b*) Broad outlines of the nature of Mr. Marini's work are stated above. He has already finished the field work of the survey of the Quilon-Ernakulam railway line which was started before his appointment as Railway Engineer, and also the Chackay-Tambanur extension of the Quilon-Trivandrum line. The working drawings and estimate for the latter extension have been prepared by him. A reconnaissance survey of the coast line from Mavelikara to Alleppey and Cochin, also started by him, is in progress.

* *Vide* Appendix VIII—page 865.

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